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SUB: NAMIBIA: MORE ON SWAPO'S "SECRET TAKEOVER PLAN"

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1. ON MARCH 13, SWAPO HEADQUARTERS IN WINDHOEK ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING THE AUTHENTICITY OF A DOCUMENT WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR SUNDAY NEWSPAPER STORIES THAT SWAPO HAD A SECRET MILITARY PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE TERRITORY(REFTEL). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SWAPO SAID THAT RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENT WAS ANOTH ATTEMPT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO AVOID HOLDING FREE ELCTIONS, AND ADDED THAT "THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF SWAPO THAT HER DOCUMENTS ARE FAKED."

2. IN REPLY TO THE SWAPO STATEMENT, PIK BOTHA REPORTEDLY SAID "I EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS. IT IS AS RIDICULOUS AS THE CLAIM THAT SWAPO IS WORKING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SWA." IN A WINDHOEK PRESS
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CONFERENCE THE SAME AFTERNOON, THE OFFICER COMMANDING SOUTH WEST AFRICA COMMAND, MAJOR GENERAL JAN GELDENHUYS, ASSERTED THAT THE DOCUMENTS RELEASED TO THE PRESS WAS AUTHENTIC.

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